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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 1614
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : BERNARD et al. Confirmation No: 6676
Appl. No. : 09/763,616
Filed : May 16, 2001
Title : Therapeutic compounds and methods

TC/A.U. : 1614
Examiner : B. Kwon

Docket No.: : BERN3001/JDB
Customer No: : 23364

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 3, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to August 3, 2004, by filing a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks/Arguments are found on the attached page having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".